

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Priority

Applicant has amended the first sentence of the specification to properly claim priority to an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. 120.

Double Patenting

Claims 1-22 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-23 of U.S. Patent No. 6,374,354 B1. The applicant has attached a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321 (c) to address this rejection.

Conclusion

The Examiner's objections concerning the claimed priority and concerning double patenting are addressed above. Accordingly, it is submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of the application is courteously solicited.

Very respectfully,

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